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FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

1. The Commission considered item 3 of its agenda at the 1st to 11th and ... meetings, from 11 to 15 and 18 and ... March 1996. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the mandate, methods of work and multi-year work programme of the Commission (E/CN.6/1996/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on ways to enhance the capacity of the Organization and of the United Nations system to support the ongoing follow-up to the Conference (E/CN.6/1996/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of stereotyping in the mass media (E/CN.6/1996/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on child and dependant care, including the sharing of work and family responsibilities (E/CN.6/1996/5);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on education for peace (E/CN.6/1996/6);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (E/CN.6/1996/7);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women (E/CN.6/1996/8);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on the extent to which violations of women's human rights have been addressed by human rights mechanisms (E/CN.6/1996/9);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/166 on the role of the United Nations Development Fund for Women in eliminating violence against women (E/CN.6/1996/11);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (E/CN.6/1996/12);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on the joint work plan of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Centre for Human Rights (E/CN.6/1996/13);

(l) Note by the Secretary-General containing proposals for the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (E/CN.6/1996/14);

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the results of the fifteenth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (E/CN.6/1996/CRP.1);

(n) Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001 (E/CN.6/1996/CRP.2);

(o) Report of the Secretary-General on poverty (E/CN.6/1996/CRP.3).

Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern: poverty (agenda item 3 (c) (i))

2. At the 5th meeting, on 13 March, the Commission held a panel discussion on the sub-item and heard presentations by the following experts: Aruna Rao, Consultant, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee; Ishrat Husain, Director, Poverty and Social Policy Department, World Bank; Jennifer Riria-Ouko, Managing Director, Kenya's Women's Finance; Mubyarto Martodinoto, Assistant State Minister for Eradication of Poverty, Ministry of National Development Planning of Indonesia; Gastón Ibáñez, Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative of Peru; Elisabeth d'Hondt, Director, Division Women in Development, Family and Youth Issues, Federal Ministry for Development and Cooperation, Germany.

3. The Chairperson made a statement.

4. At the same meeting, on 13 March, the Commission held a dialogue among Governments on the sub-item in which the following delegations participated: the Dominican Republic, Congo, Ecuador, South Africa, Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union),

Bulgaria, China, Pakistan, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Algeria, Australia, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Costa Rica and Tunisia.

5. The representative of the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Group of Women also made a statement.

6. The observers for the following non-governmental organizations also spoke: Soroptimist International and a poverty caucus of non-governmental organizations.

7. The panellists responded to points raised.

8. At the 6th meeting, on 13 March, the Commission held a dialogue with representatives of organizations of the system as well as the Bretton Woods institutions, and heard presentations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Assistant Secretary-General, and by the representatives of the United Nations Population Fund, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Development Programme.

9. A statement was made by the Chairperson.

10. The following delegations participated in the dialogue: the Sudan, Antigua and Barbuda, Ghana, the Netherlands, Guinea-Bissau, Canada, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Dominican Republic, the Russian Federation, Costa Rica, Togo, Finland, Swaziland, Namibia, Mexico, Guinea and the United States of America.

11. The observer for the Commonwealth Secretariat made a statement.

12. The observer for the poverty caucus of non-governmental organizations also made a statement.

13. The panellists responded to points raised.

14. At the 7th meeting, on 14 March, the Chairperson made a statement and summarized the discussion and dialogues held on the sub-item.

15. At the same meeting, on 14 March, the Commission held a dialogue among Governments, in which the following delegations participated: Cuba, the United States of America, Tunisia, the Republic of Korea, Chile, Bulgaria, Namibia, Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Côte d'Ivoire, Ireland, the Dominican Republic, Austria, Nigeria, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, Ethiopia, Portugal, Costa Rica (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), France, China, Pakistan, the Sudan, Finland, Sweden, Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, and Mexico.

16. The observers for the following non-governmental organizations also spoke: Federally Employed Women and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern: women and the media (agenda item 3 (c) (ii))

17. At the 8th meeting, on 14 March, the Commission held a panel discussion on the sub-item and heard presentations by the following experts: Margaret Gallagher, media consultant and former Coordinator of the European Union; Joan Pennefather, Director-General, National Arts Center of Canada; Lyndall Shope-Mafole, Counsellor, Independent Broadcasting Authority; Teresa Rodriguez, Chief, International Department, Ministry for Women's Affairs of Chile; Alain Modoux, Director, Division for Communication of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

18. A statement was made by the Chairperson.

19. At the same meeting, on 14 March, the Commission held a dialogue in which the following delegations participated: Spain, the Netherlands, Turkey, Ecuador, the United States of America, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Pakistan, Algeria, Cyprus, China, Mexico, Italy, Lesotho and Zambia.

20. The representative of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women also spoke.

21. The observers for the following non-governmental organizations spoke: African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) and Association for Progressive Communications.

22. The panellists responded to points raised.

23. At the 9th meeting, on 15 March, the Chairperson made a statement.

24. At the same meeting, on 15 March, the Commission held a dialogue in which the following delegations participated: the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Poland, China, the Sudan, Cuba, Canada, Japan, Guinea, Finland, Belgium, Portugal, Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Israel, the Bahamas, Ghana, France, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ecuador and Kyrgyzstan.

25. The observers for the following non-governmental organizations also spoke: American Association of Retired Persons and World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters.

Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern: child and dependant care, including sharing of responsibilities between men and women (agenda item 3 (c) (iii))

26. At the 10th meeting, on 15 March, the Commission held a panel discussion on the sub-item and heard presentations by the following experts: Kathryn Tolbert, The Population Council, Mexico office; Mihaela-Rodica Stanoiu, Secretary of State on Women's Affairs and Family Policies, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Romania; Misrak Elias, Senior Adviser, Women in Development, the United Nations Children's Fund; Anne Havnør, Senior Executive Officer, Ministry

of Children and Family Affairs, Norway; Chen Guomei, Vice-President, China Family Education Association, and Professor, Beijing Normal University.

27. A statement was made by the Chairperson.

28. At the same meeting, on 15 March, the Commission held a dialogue in which the following delegations participated: Namibia, Tunisia, Mali, the Sudan, the Netherlands, Austria, Zimbabwe, Italy and Finland.

29. Statements were made by the observers for the following non-governmental organizations: a caucus on shared responsibilities and a non-governmental organization committee on the status of women, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and World Federation of United Nations Associations.

30. The panellists responded to points raised.

31. At the 11th meeting, on 18 March, the Commission held a dialogue in which the following delegations participated: Thailand, the United States of America, Swaziland, the Republic of Korea, China, Chile, Japan, Israel, Ghana, Cuba, Italy, Namibia, Guinea, Canada, Mexico, the Sudan, Ecuador, Pakistan, France, Botswana, Angola, Finland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Sweden.